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ST. JOSEPH PHARMACIST INDICTED FOR CHILD PORN

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a St. Joseph, Mo., pharmacist was indicted by a federal grand jury today for advertising, distributing, receiving and possessing child pornography.

Walter E. Sewell, 39, of St. Joseph, was charged in a nine-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City. **Sewell** is a pharmacist at Food4Less in St. Joseph.

Counts One and Two of the federal indictment allege that, on Nov. 10, 2003, **Sewell** advertised through the Kazaa file-sharing program, using the screen name “food4less,” to exchange, display, distribute and reproduce child pornography.

Counts Three and Four of the federal indictment allege that **Sewell** distributed child pornography over the Internet on Nov. 10, 2003.

Count Five of the federal indictment alleges that **Sewell** received child pornography over the Internet between Dec. 3 and Dec. 30, 2003.

Counts Six through Eight of the federal indictment allege that between May 2, 2003, and Jan. 18, 2004, **Sewell** was in possession of child pornography that had been transported over the Internet.

Count Nine of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count, which would require **Sewell** to forfeit to the government any property used to commit the alleged violations, including a Hewlett-Packard Pavilion 6835 computer that was seized from **Sewell’s** residence by federal agents on Jan. 21, 2004.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and

not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Cynthia Phillips. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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